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OTHER PURPOSES; AND EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES
TO AND SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF NEPAL FOL-
LOWING THE DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKE ON APRIL 25,
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SUBCOMMITTEE ON ASIA AND THE PACIFIC,
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
Washington, DC.

The subcommittee met, pursuant to notice, at 2:11 p.m., in room 2172, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Matt Salmon (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Mr. SALMON. The subcommittee will come to order. We meet today pursuant to notice to mark up two bipartisan measures. As your offices were notified on Monday, it is the intent of the Chair to consider en bloc the following items which were previously provided to members, and are in your folders. The first bill is H.R. 1853, To direct the President to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization. And the second bill is House Resolution 235, Expressing the deepest condolences to, and solidarity with, the people of Nepal following the recent devastating earthquakes, and Salmon amendment 70 in the nature of a substitute to H.R. 235. Without objection, these items will be considered as read and will be considered en bloc.

[The information referred to follows:]

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H. R. 1853

To direct the President to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 16, 2015

Mr. SALMON (for himself, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. ENGEL, and Mr. SHERMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

To direct the President to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. PARTICIPATION OF TAIWAN IN THE INTER-**
4 **NATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE ORGANIZA-**
5 **TION.**

6 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-
7 ings:

8 (1) Safety, security and peace is important to
9 every citizen of the world, and shared information

1 ensuring wide assistance among police authorities of
2 nations for expeditious dissemination of information
3 regarding criminal activities greatly assists in these
4 efforts.

5 (2) Direct and unobstructed participation in the
6 International Criminal Police Organization
7 (INTERPOL) is beneficial for all nations and their
8 police authorities. Internationally shared information
9 with authorized police authorities is vital to peace-
10 keeping efforts.

11 (3) With a history dating back to 1914, the role
12 of INTERPOL is defined in its constitution: “To
13 ensure and promote the widest possible mutual as-
14 sistance between all criminal police authorities with-
15 in the limits of the laws existing in the different
16 countries and in the spirit of the Universal Declara-
17 tion of Human Rights.”.

18 (4) Ongoing international threats, including
19 international networks of terrorism, show the ongo-
20 ing necessity to be ever inclusive of nations willing
21 to work together to combat criminal activity. The
22 ability of police authorities to coordinate, preempt,
23 and act swiftly and in unison is an essential element
24 of crisis prevention and response.

1 (5) Taiwan maintained full membership in
2 INTERPOL starting in 1964 through its National
3 Police Administration but was ejected in 1984 when
4 the People's Republic of China (PRC) applied for
5 membership.

6 (6) Nonmembership prevents Taiwan from
7 gaining access to INTERPOL's I-24/7 global police
8 communications system, which provides real-time in-
9 formation on criminals and global criminal activities.
10 Taiwan is relegated to second-hand information from
11 friendly nations, including the United States.

12 (7) Taiwan is unable to swiftly share informa-
13 tion on criminals and suspicious activity with the
14 international community, leaving a huge void in the
15 global crime-fighting efforts and leaving the entire
16 world at risk.

17 (8) The United States, in the 1994 Taiwan Pol-
18 icy Review, declared its intention to support Tai-
19 wan's participation in appropriate international or-
20 ganizations and has consistently reiterated that sup-
21 port.

22 (9) Following the enactment of Public Law
23 108-235, a law authorizing the Secretary of State to
24 initiate and implement a plan to endorse and obtain
25 observer status for Taiwan at the annual summit of

1 the World Health Assembly and subsequent advo-
2 cacy by the United States, Taiwan was granted ob-
3 server status to the World Health Assembly for six
4 consecutive years since 2009. Both prior to and in
5 its capacity as an observer, Taiwan has contributed
6 significantly to the international community's collec-
7 tive efforts in pandemic control, monitoring, early
8 warning, and other related matters.

9 (10) INTERPOL's constitution allows for ob-
10 servers at its meetings by "police bodies which are
11 not members of the Organization".

12 (b) TAIWAN'S PARTICIPATION IN INTERPOL.—The
13 President shall—

14 (1) develop a strategy to obtain observer status
15 for Taiwan in INTERPOL and at other related
16 meetings, activities, and mechanisms thereafter; and

17 (2) instruct INTERPOL Washington to offi-
18 cially request observer status for Taiwan in
19 INTERPOL and to actively urge INTERPOL mem-
20 ber states to support such observer status and par-
21 ticipation for Taiwan.

22 (c) REPORT CONCERNING OBSERVER STATUS FOR
23 TAIWAN IN INTERPOL.—Not later than 30 days after
24 the date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall
25 transmit to Congress a report, in unclassified form, de-

1 scribing the United States strategy to endorse and obtain
2 observer status for Taiwan in INTERPOL and at other
3 related meetings, activities, and mechanisms thereafter.
4 The report shall include the following:

5 (1) A description of the efforts the President
6 has made to encourage INTERPOL member states
7 to promote Taiwan's bid to obtain observer status in
8 INTERPOL.

9 (2) A description of the actions the President
10 will take to endorse and obtain observer status for
11 Taiwan in INTERPOL and at other related meet-
12 ings, activities, and mechanisms thereafter.

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H. RES. 235

Expressing deepest condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following the devastating earthquake on April 25, 2015.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 29, 2015

Mr. SALMON (for himself, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. POLIS, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. MARINO, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. COOK, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. BERA, Mr. DESANTIS, Mr. CLAWSON of Florida, Mrs. COMSTOCK, Mr. BLUM, Mr. GRAYSON, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. RUSH, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. CAPUANO, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. WILLIAMS, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. POCAN, Mr. COSTA, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. ISRAEL, Ms. BASS, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. SIRES, Mr. TONKO, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. FATTAH, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. JOLLY, Ms. MOORE, Mr. KILMER, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. PETERSON, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. PASCRELL, Ms. MENG, Mr. YOHIO, Mr. KEATING, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. TED LIEU of California, Mr. PITTENGER, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Ms. HAHN, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. HONDA, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. BARR, Ms. EDWARDS, Ms. LEE, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. ROSKAM, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. POE of Texas, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. COHEN, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. CHABOT, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, and Mr. GOSAR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Expressing deepest condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following the devastating earthquake on April 25, 2015.

Whereas, on April 25, 2015, a magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck the country of Nepal;

Whereas according to the United States Geological Survey (USGS), the earthquake epicenter was located approximately 48 miles northwest from the capital, Kathmandu;

Whereas the USGS already has registered over 50 aftershocks between magnitudes 4.0 and 6.7 and reports that additional aftershocks over magnitude 5.0 or greater may be expected;

Whereas the reported death toll has reached over 4,000, thousands more people have been reported injured, and critical infrastructure, including roads, hospitals, and homes, has been damaged or destroyed;

Whereas the United Nations estimates that up to 8,000,000 people have been affected by the earthquake, including an estimated 1,400,000 people in need of immediate food assistance;

Whereas the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) estimates that nearly one million children will require urgent humanitarian assistance;

Whereas the United States responded immediately to the disaster and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has deployed a 128-person Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) to Nepal, including search and rescue efforts, emergency shelter, and water, sanitation and health;

Whereas the United States has committed \$10,000,000 to date for earthquake response and recovery efforts in Nepal, including search and rescue efforts, emergency shelter, and water, sanitation and health;

Whereas individuals, businesses, and philanthropic organizations across the United States and throughout the international community have responded in support of Nepal; and

Whereas humanitarian access has been severely constrained by the magnitude of destruction, the region's mountainous terrain, and the remoteness of impacted areas: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) expresses its deepest condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following the devastating earthquake on April 25, 2015;

3 (2) supports the efforts of the Administration to coordinate an immediate, effective United States Government humanitarian response and to provide relief to affected communities;

4 (3) commends the efforts and honors the sacrifice of the men and women engaged in the response, including the citizens and Government of Nepal, the United States, and international humanitarian and nongovernmental organizations; and

5 (4) urges the Administration, in coordination with the Nepalese Government and other donors, to

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- 1 continue to provide emergency relief and reconstruc-
- 2 tion efforts in Nepal.

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**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H. RES. 235
OFFERED BY MR. SALMON OF ARIZONA**

Strike the preamble and insert the following:

Whereas on April 25, 2015, a magnitude 7.8 earthquake and on May 12, 2015, a magnitude 7.3 earthquake struck the country of Nepal;

Whereas according to the United States Geological Survey (USGS), the first earthquake epicenter was located northwest from the capital, Kathmandu, while the second was east of Kathmandu;

Whereas the reported death toll has reached over 8,000, thousands more people have been reported injured, and critical infrastructure, including roads, hospitals, and homes, has been damaged or destroyed;

Whereas the United Nations estimates that up to 8,000,000 people have been affected by the earthquake, including an estimated 1,400,000 people in need of immediate food assistance;

Whereas the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) estimates that nearly 1,700,000 children will require urgent humanitarian assistance and has termed this crisis a "children's emergency";

Whereas the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) estimates that the earthquakes have affected an estimated 126,000 pregnant women and UNICEF estimates that approximately 12 infants are being born every hour with-

out basic health care in the areas worst hit by the earthquakes as a result of damage or destruction to 70 percent of birthing centers across the 14 most affected districts of Nepal;

Whereas women and girls are disproportionately impacted by natural disasters, especially with respect to gender-based violence (GBV), and according to United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) data, 40,000 affected women are at risk of sexual and other GBV;

Whereas the United States responded immediately to the disaster and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has deployed a 128-person Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) to Nepal;

Whereas the United States Department of Defense is providing necessary air-lift assistance to USAID in order to deliver life-saving humanitarian assistance to remote villages;

Whereas we honor the sacrifice of six United States Marines (Captain Dustin R. Lukasiewicz, Captain Christopher L. Norgren; Sargent Ward M. Johnson, Sargent Eric M. Seaman, Corporal Sara A. Medina, and Lance Corporal Jacob A. Hug) and two Nepalese soldiers who lost their lives in the course of delivering critical humanitarian assistance;

Whereas the United States has committed nearly \$47,000,000 to date for earthquake response and recovery efforts in Nepal, including search and rescue efforts, emergency shelter, and water, sanitation, and health;

Whereas individuals, businesses, and philanthropic organizations across the United States and throughout the world have responded in support of Nepal; and

Whereas humanitarian access has been severely constrained by the magnitude of destruction, the region's mountainous terrain, and the remoteness of impacted areas: Now, therefore, be it

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following:

That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) expresses its deepest condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following the devastating earthquakes on April 25, 2015, and May 12, 2015;

5 (2) supports the efforts of the Administration to coordinate an immediate, effective United States Government humanitarian response and to provide relief to affected communities while safeguarding the vulnerable, including aid specifically targeted at expecting mothers, infants, and children;

11 (3) commends the efforts and honors the sacrifice of the men and women engaged in the response, including the citizens and Government of Nepal, the United States, and international humanitarian and nongovernmental organizations; and

- 1 (4) urges the Administration, in coordination
- 2 with the Nepalese Government and other donors, to
- 3 continue to provide emergency relief and reconstruc-
- 4 tion efforts in Nepal.

Amend the title so as to read: “A resolution expressing deepest condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following the devastating earthquakes on April 25, 2015, and May 12, 2015.”.



Mr. SALMON. I will now recognize members to speak on these items, beginning with myself and the ranking member. Today, we consider measures H.R. 1853 on “Taiwan joining Interpol,” and H. Res. 235 on “Condolences and support for relief efforts in Nepal after their devastating earthquake.” For 36 years, the Taiwan Relations Act has helped promote peace and stability in Asia, and facilitated a productive relationship between the United States and Taiwan. In the spirit of the Taiwan Relations Act, I, along with the chair and ranking members of both the full Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, Mr. Royce, Mr. Engel, and Mr. Sherman, introduced important legislation that advocates the U.S. Government’s support of Taiwan’s efforts to obtain observer status in the International Criminal Police Organization, also known as Interpol.

Interpol was designed to promote the widest possible mutual assistance between all criminal police authorities. From 1964 until 1984, Taiwan enjoyed full membership in Interpol, but was removed when the People’s Republic of China applied for membership. This bill will require the President to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in Interpol. Specifically, it requires an official request for observer status for Taiwan, active urging of member states to assist in the effort, as well as a status report to Congress.

Taiwan’s observer status would promote stability and security in the Asia-Pacific region and assist Taiwan in protecting the safety of its citizens by combating criminal activity through access to Interpol’s global police communications systems. Taiwan currently relies on the United States and other countries’ second-hand information, and it is unable to share information on criminals to member countries, generating inefficiencies in addressing criminal activity throughout the region.

With the rise in terrorism across the globe, not allowing Taiwan independent and easy access to Interpol is an unnecessary and a very dangerous risk. It is with this knowledge of the potential contributions Taiwan could provide that I wholeheartedly support H.R. 1853, which closely reflects Congress's support for Taiwan. I also want to thank Chairman Royce, Ranking Member Engel for helping us move this bill swiftly through the full committee process. And we look forward to the full committee markup tomorrow on this bill.

Next, I would like to express my support for H. Res. 235, which raises awareness on the ongoing efforts by our government and other international actors to respond to the crisis in Nepal. It further encourages rescue efforts to focus on vulnerable populations, such as women and children. The resolution has garnered over 110 bipartisan cosponsors. I have an amendment in the nature of a substitute that updates numbers on our aid efforts, that draws attention to the sacrifices of our Marines, and that focuses on the specific threats to women and children.

On April 25, 2015, Nepal was hit with a devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake northwest of the capital, Katmandu. The earthquake claimed the lives of over 8,000 people, with thousands more reported injured, critical infrastructure damaged, including roads, hospitals, and homes. The United Nations estimated upwards of 8 million people were impacted by this earthquake, with 1.4 million people in need of immediate food assistance. After a quick response, led on the U.S. front by USAID, with the Departments of State and Defense, search and rescue operations had neared conclusion, the rise in casualties began to slow, and international humanitarian relief began to clear the road to recovery.

Then on May 12, Nepal was struck again, with a 7.3 magnitude earthquake near the capital, this time to the east. This second earthquake claimed more lives and disrupted relief efforts. It was after this second event that we learned of one of our military helicopters going down in Nepal. We were saddened to hear the subsequent confirmation that we lost all six, all six Marines aboard and the two Nepali soldiers traveling with them. It would be impossible for the subcommittee to properly thank these fine men and women for their great service. The sacrifice they made is far too great, and words are far too inadequate. We take solace in the fact that they served our Nation by doing something truly American, helping pick up our friends when they have fallen. In fact, Arizona, we lost one of our own, one of our brightest and best in our efforts in delivering aid to Nepal, Lance Corporal Jacob A. Hug. Coincidentally, he has the same name as my 34-year-old son, and I spoke to his father yesterday for about 20 minutes on the phone. It was a very heartfelt exchange. And I want you to know that this family, they don't harbor any bitterness. They are so very proud of their son. They are proud of the life that he gave in the service of his fellow beings. And I am proud of him too, and I am proud of all of them.

This resolution expresses Congress's deepest condolences for all individuals affected by this tragic natural calamity. Yet the resolution also recognizes how, in the midst of this chaos, our government, especially USAID, the State Department, and the Depart-

ment of Defense have stepped up to provide unparalleled support. And I couldn't be prouder of them.

We also commend the global NGO community for their ongoing humanitarian response, and their selfless efforts and sacrifices. It is going to be a long road to recovery for Nepal, and it will be essential that the international community, both governments and NGOs, work closely with the Nepalese people to rebuild. I urge the committee's support for these two measures, and I now recognize the ranking member for his comments on today's measures.

Mr. SHERMAN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for this markup, these two bills, and the subsequent hearing. The White House has scheduled and invited me to a meeting on Iran. And if this chair is absent for a while, it is not for any frivolous decision. Both of these bills are important. As to the Taiwan Interpol bill, I am pleased to be the chief Democrat on the bill or lead Democratic sponsor, and whatever the proper title would be. I strongly support the bill, of course. Taiwan functions as an independent country, and needs to function as an independent country inside international organizations. To date, Taiwan has been admitted to only one international organization, the World Health Organization, under the title observer status. This fiction that Taiwan is part of China complicates so many international affairs, but we cannot allow it to prevent effective law enforcement against criminal gangs and international criminal organizations.

As things stand now, Taiwan gets some information from the International Police Organization, Interpol, but it is not consistent, it is not reliable. Taiwan doesn't have real-time access to Interpol's networks and systems. And this hurts not only the people of Taiwan, but people all over the world that are potentially the victims of criminals who cannot be apprehended because we don't have an efficient sharing of information and efficient multinational law enforcement. It is for this reason I support the bill, which will direct the President to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization, and I look forward to this bill sailing through Congress, and hopefully being executed robustly by the administration.

As to the people of Nepal, I represent Northridge. And we know the calamity that an earthquake can cause. I am pleased to be the Democratic lead sponsor on this piece of legislation. As you pointed out, 8,000 and more have been killed, ½ million homes destroyed or badly damaged, 2 million people displaced. This has been a terrible disaster, not only the first earthquake, but the aftershocks, including the major aftershock which the chairman briefed us about.

I look forward, between now and when we go to full committee, to amending this resolution to first take note of the Americans who have sought to provide assistance. We have the two special task forces that were deployed to Nepal; one from Fairfax, Virginia, the other from Los Angeles, California. I know Gerry Connolly wants to make sure that this resolution recognizes them. And, of course, you noted the Arizona hero that lost his life trying to help the people of Nepal.

In addition, Mike Honda suggested to me that we, in the resolving clauses in this resolution, focus on the importance of preventing violence against women. And I look forward to working with you

on language to focus on that as well. I look forward to the international community sustaining its effort to help the people of Nepal. I thank you, Mr. Chairman, for working with me on both resolutions, and look forward to them going through the full committee and the floor of the House. And I am torn, but I do think I have to go to the White House pretty soon.

Mr. SALMON. I thank the ranking member. And I know that it is the lot of those of us that work in Foreign Affairs that juggling multiple balls at the same time has become an art form that we have to all master. And before I yield to any other members that would like to make opening statements, one thing I did want to say, especially in terms of our Marines that lost their lives, one of the Scriptures that has given me a lot of comfort through the course of my life, and one that I just think is so poignant to this time is this: "Greater love hath no person than this that he would give his life for another." And I take great comfort in that. It is the greatest act that any human being can do, and that is to give their life for somebody else. And that is what these brave soldiers have done. Any folks on the Republican side? Mr. Chabot, would you like to open?

Mr. CHABOT. Thank you. I will be brief, Mr. Chairman. I want to express my support for both pieces of legislation under consideration here this afternoon, H. Res. 235 and H.R. 1853, as you indicated. I am a cosponsor of H. Res. 235 because it is critical that we support the United States humanitarian response efforts to the devastating earthquake that hit Nepal last month. Our relationship with Nepal is strategically important, among other things, because of its key location between India and China, of course. But on a humanitarian level, we certainly need to reach out. As you indicated, our men and women in uniform and otherwise are doing that. And some, unfortunately, have made the ultimate sacrifice. In the days and weeks and months ahead, the challenges and needs will only grow more serious for the people of Nepal. It is important that they know we stand by their side.

I am also a cosponsor of H.R. 1853, and support efforts to help Taiwan gain observer status in the International Criminal Police Organization. I happen to be, along with my colleague to my left, Mr. Rohrabacher, two of the lead original founding Members of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus, along with Sherrod Brown and Robert Wexler, when he was a Member.

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Are we the only ones left?

Mr. CHABOT. We are. At least in this august body. And at the end of the day, allowing Taiwan to participate in Interpol is beneficial for all of us. As the world has become more interconnected, the sharing of information has increased exponentially, which, in general, is a good thing. But it has also resulted in the expansion of terrorist networks and criminal activities on the Internet as well.

For that reason, allowing Taiwan to have observer status in this organization will foster greater security, safety, and peace across the region and around the globe by giving it real-time information on criminal and global criminal activities that happen to cross Taiwan's borders. Readily having this access will allow Taiwan to serve as a responsible member of the international community.

As we have seen with Taiwan's participation in the World Health Assembly and International Civil Aviation Organization, Taiwan's participation in this institution is no different. It will only continue to promote global safety and security that benefits everyone. I also agree—I would like to say I agree with what Mr. Sherman said before because I don't say that all the time, but I definitely agree when he said that this idea that Taiwan is really not a country is just fiction. It is a country, and ultimately, I believe will be independent from China. It is probably not going to happen next week or next month or next year, but this fiction that it is a separate country is something that at some point needs to be put to rest.

I say that as a former founding member of the Taiwan Caucus and a present member of the Taiwan Caucus. I see my colleague from Virginia kind of cringed there because he knows we are probably stepping on some toes in Beijing, but to hell with Beijing. I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. SALMON. Any other member seek recognition to speak on these items?

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Chairman?

Mr. SALMON. Yes.

Mr. CONNOLLY. I always have respect for my friend from Ohio and his insights, but I would say as cochairman of the Taiwan Caucus, I think we need to work to enhance both Taiwan's defense and to support Taiwan in the path it has chosen as a democracy. My first visit to Taiwan, Taiwan frankly was not a democracy, and it has come a long, long way. And there are cultural ties that both unite and separate the mainland and Taiwan. And I would just caution, however, that there are things that can provoke and that make the task of reconciliation and support for Taiwan's unique path more difficult. And that would be the only reason I cringed a little bit, and my friend saw it, because words we say here are magnified in the Taiwan Straits. And we obviously want to be supportive, and not unwittingly do anything that could be, as I said, provocative. Thank you.

Mr. SALMON. Thank you. Any other member seek recognition on either of these two measures? If not, we will get to business. Hearing no other requests for recognition, the question occurs on adopting the items under consideration en bloc. All those in favor, say aye. Opposed, say no. In the opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it, and the en bloc items are approved.

Without objection, H.R. 1853 and H. Res. 235, as amended, will be reported favorably to the full committee. And the staff is directed to make any technical and conforming changes. I would like to thank all of our members and staff for the assistance and cooperation that went into today's markup. The subcommittee stands adjourned.

[Whereupon, at 2:30 p.m., the subcommittee was adjourned.]

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Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific
Matt Salmon (R-AZ), Chairman

May 20, 2015

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DATE: Wednesday, May 20, 2015

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

MARKUP OF: H. R. 1853, To direct the President to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization, and for other purposes; and

H. Res. 235, Expressing deepest condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following the devastating earthquake on April 25, 2015.

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Matt Salmon

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H.R. 1853

H.Res 235

Salmon Amendment 70

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Steve Chabot, Mo Brooks, Scott DesJarlais, Dana Rohrabacher, Jeff Duncan

Brad Sherman, Grace Meng, Gerald Connolly, Alan Lowenthal

NON-COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

STATEMENTS FOR THE RECORD: (List any statements submitted for the record.)

ACTIONS TAKEN DURING THE MARKUP: (Attach copies of legislation and amendments.)

Adopted H.R. 1853 & H.Res.235 as amended.


RECORDED VOTES TAKEN (FOR MARKUP): (Attach final vote tally sheet listing each member.)

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Yeas</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
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Subcommittee Staff Director

5/20/15 Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific Markup Summary

The Chair obtained unanimous consent to consider two measures and one amendment (previously provided to Members of the Subcommittee) *en bloc*:

- 1) H.R. 1853 (Salmon), “To direct the President to develop a strategy to obtain observer status for Taiwan in the International Criminal Police Organization, and for other purposes;” and
- 2) H. Res. 235 (Salmon), “Expressing deepest condolences to and solidarity with the people of Nepal following the devastating earthquake on April 25, 2015.”
 - a. Salmon 70 in the nature of a substitute.

The items considered *en bloc* were agreed to by voice vote. H.R. 1853 and H. Res. 235, as amended, were ordered favorably reported to the full committee by unanimous consent.

The Subcommittee adjourned.